

FIRST READING

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 35-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 10, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Joint Resolution 2 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Joint Resolution 2 requests that the Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court attach to his State-of-the-Judiciary Message to every legislative session a statistical report of the business transacted by the District Courts.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. It will be necessary to add an additional Research Assistant and a Statistical Technician to provide the system.
2. A computerized information system is necessary.
3. The basic information output is to be cases filed less cases disposed to reflect cases pending (by age) by county and judicial district.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional cost to the Supreme Court as follows:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Personal Services	\$25,875	\$19,274
Operating Expenses	<u>11,125</u>	<u>7,540</u>
	<u>\$37,000</u>	<u>\$26,814</u>

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BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-14-77

Approved by Committee
on Judiciary

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